Addressing Homelessness

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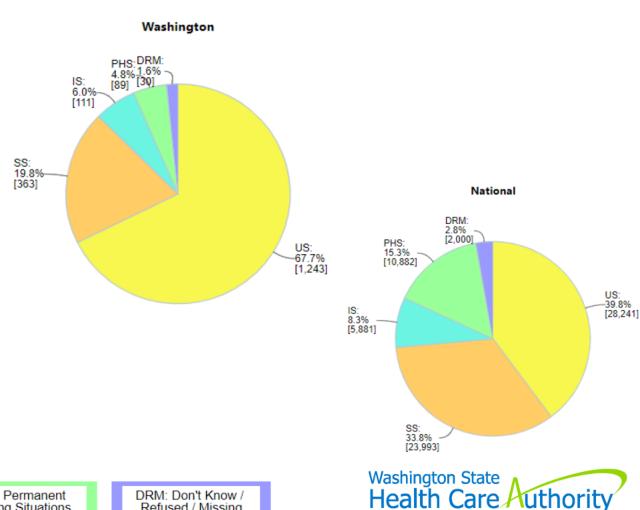
Prevalence: Behavioral health conditions among homeless populations

- Data from multiple service systems (RDA 2012) reveals homeless individuals more likely than overall individuals to:
 - ▶ Be African American or Native American
 - Live in high-density urban areas
 - Have mental illness and substance use problems
 - Receive medical treatment for injuries
 - Receive cash and/or food assistance



HCA efforts to address homelessness

- Projects for Assistance in Transition for Homelessness (PATH)
- State Targeted Response Grant Peer Pathfinders
- Housing and Recovery through Peer Services (HARPS)
- Oxford House
- Chronic Homeless Policy Academy-Housing 3000



Foundational Community Supports benefits

- Supported employment
 - Employment assessments/planning
 - Outreach to employers
 - Connecting with community resources
 - Assisting with job applications
 - Education, training, and coaching

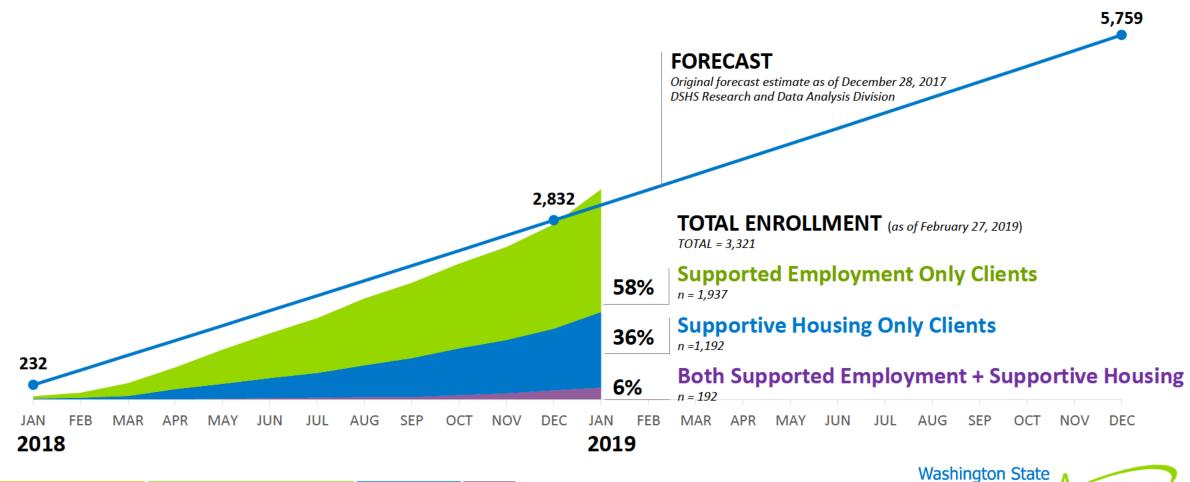
- Supportive housing
 - Housing assessments and planning
 - ▶ Outreach to landlords
 - Connecting with community resources
 - Assisting with housing applications
 - Education, training, and coaching (resolve disputes, advocacy)

"Now that I have my living situation covered, I guess we'll start working on other stuff like my health appointments and work."

-BRIDGES Photovoice participant 2016

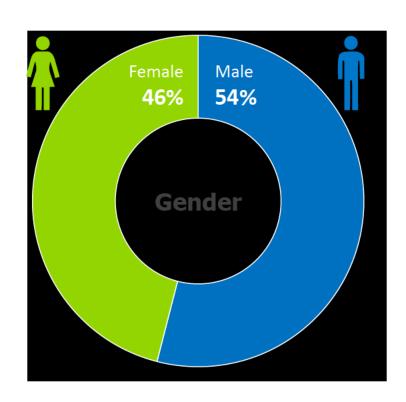


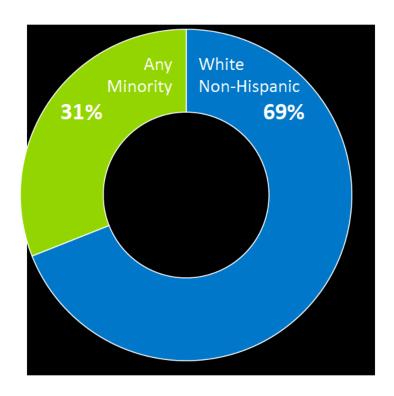
Foundational Community Supports enrollment

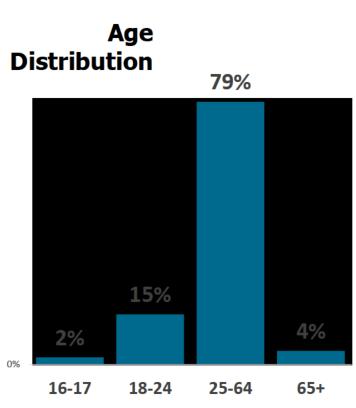




Foundational Community Supports: Supported **employment** demographics (January 2019)



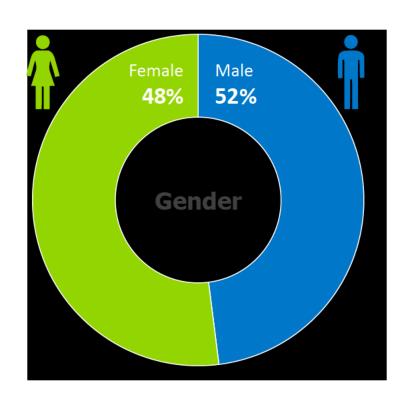


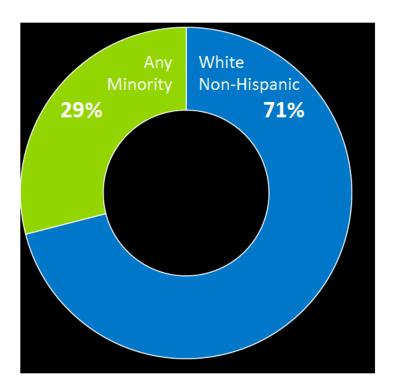


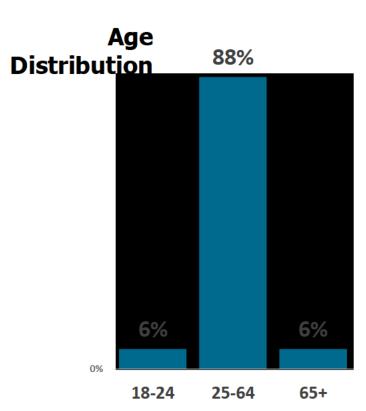
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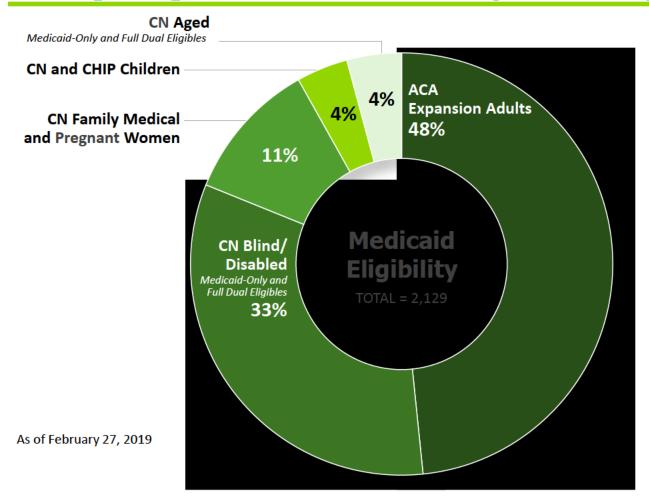


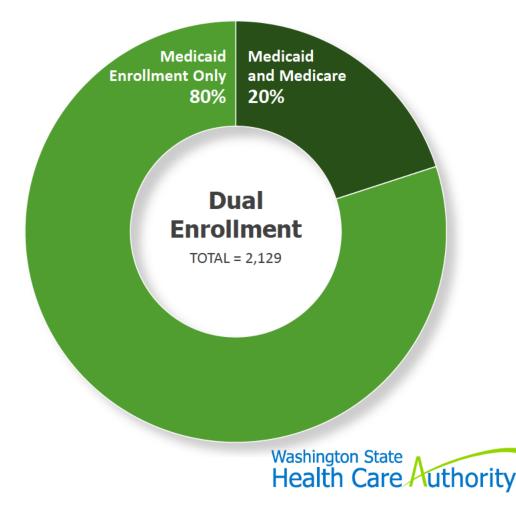


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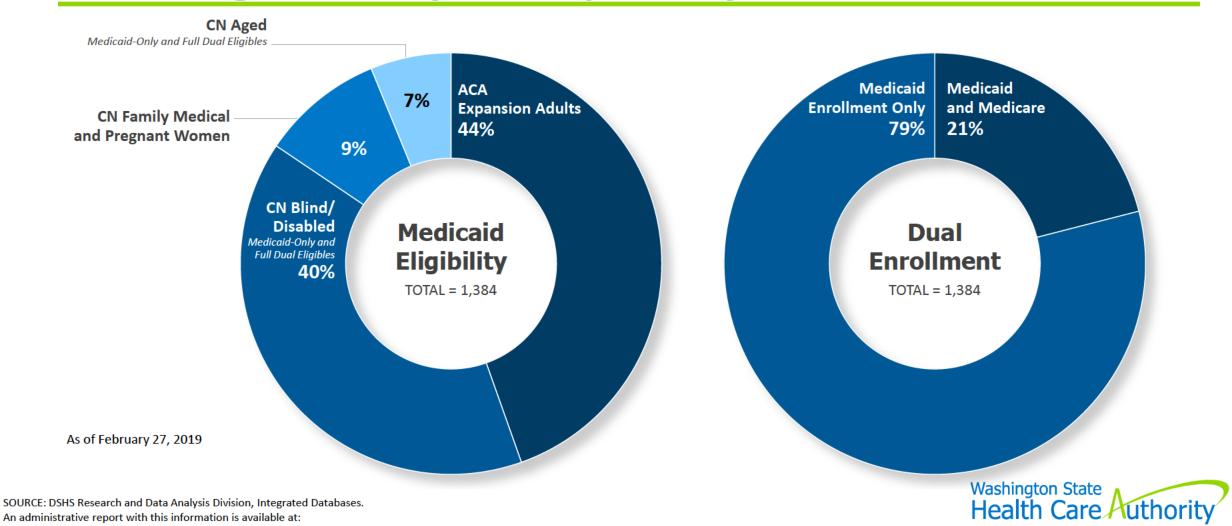


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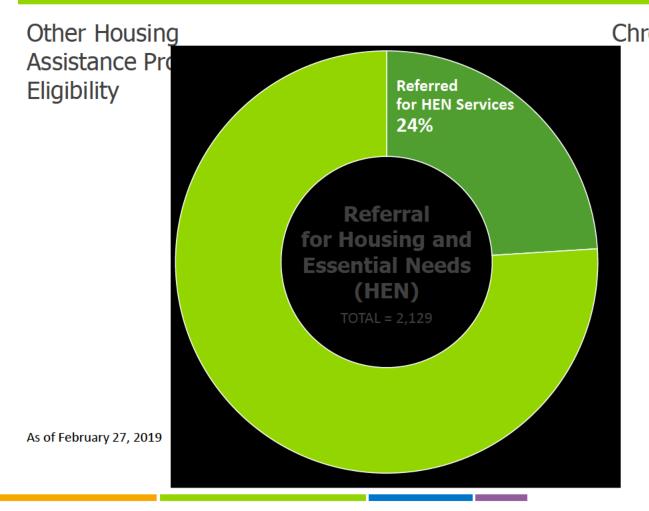


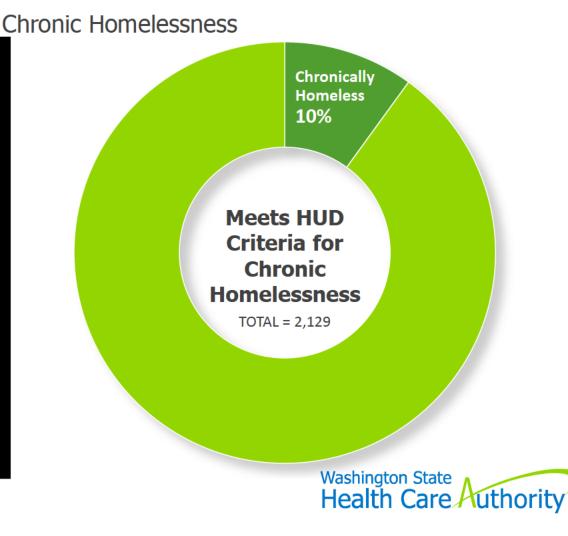


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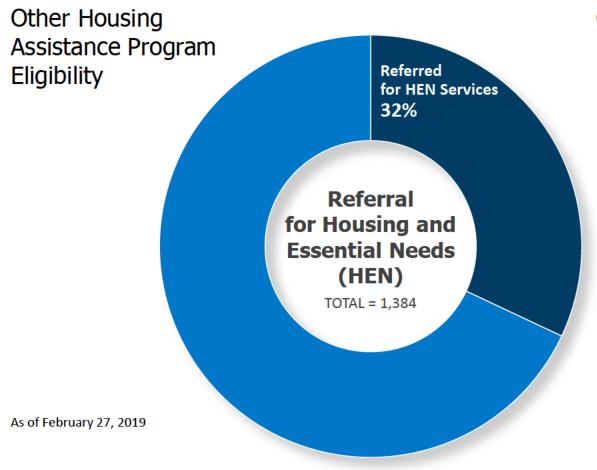


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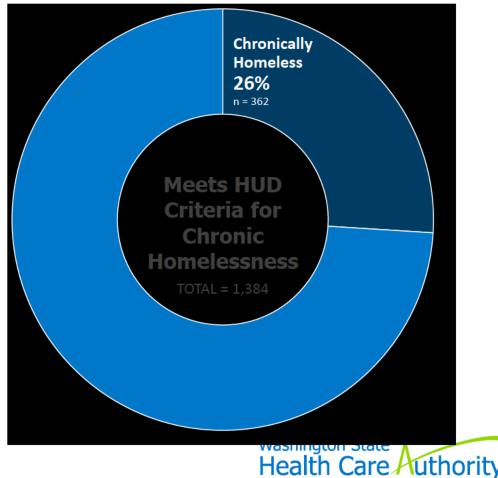




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Chronic Homelessness





Questions?

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